

## Brownfields Contacts

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### Brownfields Program Website

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/brownfields/>

### RedevelopKS Initiative Website

<http://www.redevelopks.org>

### Brownfields News

To receive a copy of the Brownfields Program's newsletter, please contact Bridget Wilson at (785)291-3246 or [bwilson@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:bwilson@kdhe.state.ks.us)

### Listserv:

To sign up for the Brownfields programs's electronic listserv, go to [https://www.accesskansas.org/mailman/listinfo/brownsfields\\_program](https://www.accesskansas.org/mailman/listinfo/brownsfields_program)

## HOT LINKS

More information about brownfields and Kansas's programs to manage contaminated properties can be found at the following web sites:

### Kansas Brownfields Program

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/brownfields/>

### RedevelopKS Initiative

<http://www.redevelopks.org>

### Kansas Voluntary Cleanup and Property Redevelopment Program

[http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/remedial/vcprp\\_unit.htm](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/remedial/vcprp_unit.htm)

### EPA Brownfields Program

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

### EPA Region 7 Brownfields Program

<http://www.epa.gov/region7/citizens/brownfields/>

### Kansas Department of Commerce

<http://kdoch.state.ks.us/public/>



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## Redevelopment In Kansas

## What Are Brownfields?

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Often the potential liability associated with contamination complicates business development, property transactions or expansion on the property. All over the country, communities, developers, government officials, and others are working to change the way we manage and regulate Brownfields to encourage development of these properties. The State of Kansas and the US Environmental Protection Agency are embracing Brownfields redevelopment as an important program. This brochure will point you in the right direction to get answers to your questions and help with Brownfields projects.

## The Benefits of Brownfields Redevelopment

By investigating and cleaning up a brownfield property and taking care of the site's possible health or environmental risks, communities can use local land again – producing jobs, increasing the tax base or adding other benefits such as creating a park or residential area.

When land available for new development is expensive and scarce, Brownfields properties can offer significant benefits. For example, Brownfields properties often:

- Are in desirable locations such as near city centers, in waterfront areas, near transportation, near utilities, and near a ready pool of workers or patrons nearby.
- Have facilities that may be reused such as buildings, docks, transportation infrastructure, etc. These may allow reduced costs compared to building new facilities.
- Cost less to purchase
- Might be eligible for benefits or incentives such as state and/or federal tax programs and financial assistance.
- Provide great value to the community by supporting commercial and/or industrial jobs and improving the tax base or, when appropriate, recreational or leisure opportunities, retail development, increased tourism, and by preserving greenfields from development

## To promote Brownfields redevelopment in the State of Kansas, state and federal agencies have taken steps to:

- Provide technical assistance to local governments, tribes, and not-for-profit agencies
- Implement programs in which property owners can expediently cleanup sites and receive cleanup approval from KDHE if the work meets state cleanup standards
- Conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments for local governments and not-for-profit agencies

Depending upon the circumstances at the site, there may be financial assistance for site redevelopment, including:

- Federal and/or state financial cleanup grants, low interest loans, or tax incentives
- Brownfields insurance packages purchased through the private sector to cap estimated cleanup costs.

KDHE has also developed a web site for communities to list potential Brownfields properties for sale within their communities as a way for developers to browse for projects. This initiative is entitled the RedevelopKS Initiative.

